Tobacco Prices

1826. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average price per kg. of Flue-Cured Virginia tobacco given to the tobacco growers in Andhra to the tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 1991 season;

(b) whether the prices are likely to increased further during the current seasons; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALAMAN KHURSHRRD): (a) Average prices received by the tobacco growers during 1991 in A.P. and Karnataka are as follows:

Andhra Pradesh	:Rs. 33.00 per kg.
Karnataka	:Rs. 42.13 per kg.

(b) and (c).The Karnataka auctions for 1992 have not started. The andhra Pradesh auctions have just started on 14.2.1992. While tobacco prices are determined by international demand and supply factors, the average price in this year's auction is higher than in the comparative period last year.

Retirement of Civilian Employees

1827. SHRI ARJUN SUNGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of civilian employees were retired compulsorily under FR 56 (j) as a penalty without following the disciplinary rules in the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE: (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

World Bank aided Projects in Gaya and Champaran Districts

1828. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of projects being implemented in Gaya and Champaran districts of Bihar with the World Bank aid;

(b) whether the World Bank has proposed to give aid to widen the Mazaffarpur via Gaya Smastipur Road; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There are no specific World bank Aided Projects with implementation confined to Gaya and Champaran districts of Bihar. However, a list of projects with state-wise and nation-wide coverage with Bihar as participating state is attached as Statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.